



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

91st Session, 2023-2024

AN ACT TO CORRECT INCONSISTENCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DESCRIPTION

Bill Number: 01

Authored By: Senator Acklin on behalf of DEA Ashley Martinez

Sponsored By: 2023-2024 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, the 89th Session of the Associated Students revised the Department of Legislative Affairs to become the Department of Government Affairs to accurately reflect the three goals of the department to educate, empower, and advocate on behalf of students;

Whereas, the legislation which passed in the 89th Session contained inconsistencies in the department name throughout the Statutes of the Associated Students (SAS);

Whereas, the Policy Analyst position was removed and the Advocacy Director position was created to better empower students and advocate on behalf of students;

Be it enacted, the changes included in Addendum A be adopted into the Statute of the Associated Students (SAS);

Be it further enacted, the Director of Government Affairs and Assistant Director of Governments titles be updated throughout the SAS to reflect the correct department title;

Be it further enacted, the current Workday posting for the Department of Government Affairs accurately reflect the Department name and positions in Addendum A;

Be it further enacted, this legislation shall be sent to the following individuals:

- Amanda Vaskov, Director of Government Affairs – 90th Session
- Sandra Rodriguez, ASUN Director
- Boris Carpio Guerra, ASUN President

Adopted in Senate on April 19th, 2023

Attest:

Fayza Salah, Speaker of the Senate

Boris Carpio Guerra, President of the Associated Students

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Addendum A

CHAPTER 208: THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

AFFAIRS

SECTION 04: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

a) IN GENERAL: There is an Assistant Director of Government Affairs, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.

b) DUTIES: The Assistant Director shall:

1) Help coordinate and oversee the logistics, programming, research, and policy analysis of the Department.

2) Serve as support in conducting student-led lobbying efforts at all levels of government.

3) Act as the Director of **Legislative Affairs** **Government Affairs** in the absence of or at the request of the Director.

4) Plan, organize, and execute the curriculum of the Government Relations

Internship Program to include:

i) Producing the education components twice a semester to include sentiments such as: Policy Analysis, Student-led lobbying efforts, the Nevada Legislature and State Government Structure, Voter Registration, History of Nevada Politics, Policies that have impacted Higher Education, the Board of Regents, ASUN governing documents, data analysis, time management, leadership skills, and other topics related thereto.

ii) Presentations or guest speakers that increase the learning mission of the program.

iii) Coordinating a system where interns will report to the officer in the Department of Government Affairs that the Assistant Director of Government Affairs deems appropriate.

5) Responsible to attend all ASUN retreats, and trainings as decided by the Director of Legislative Affairs Government Affairs and the Director of Executive Outreach.

SECTION 05: DEPARTMENT COMPOSITION

a) POLICY DIRECTOR AND ADVOCACY DIRECTOR

1) There is a Policy Director, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate, and a Policy Analyst, nominated by the Director, with the consent of the Senate.

2) The Policy Director shall develop strategic short-term and long-term policies for appropriate bodies to consider. The Policy Director shall keep the Director of Legislative Affairs Government Affairs apprised of Local, State, Federal, and Global policy as instructed by the Director of Legislative Affairs Government Affairs.

3) The Policy Director shall routinely send out policy briefs and a newsletter detailing relevant news events on the local, state, federal, and global level.

4) The Advocacy Director will track the legislative process, sit in on external meetings, and connect students to their representatives to voice their opinions, The Advocacy Director will register as a lobbyist during school years which the Nevada State legislature will be in session. The Policy Director and Advocacy Director will work under the direction of the Government Affairs Director to identify opportunities for advocacy on relevant issues.